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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FACIO COMMENTS ON JALAPA MEETING

1. FONMIN FACIO COMMENTED TO CHARGE ON FEBRUARY 19 THAT GOCR IS PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF JALAPA MEETING, WHICH HE SAID CONSISTED LARGELY OF EFFORTS BY THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES TO GET HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS THE FIRST STEP TO ANY CONTINUING DIALOGUE. FACIO IS HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY, FACIO SAID THERE WAS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE VIEW THAT A FULL COMMUNITY CAN BE ONLY THE OBJECTIVE, NOT THE STARTING POINT. IN HIS VIEW THIS REQUIRES A STEP BY STEP APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THE REGIONS'S PROBLEMS. FACIO SAID AGAIN AS HE HAS SAID PUBLICLY, THAT COSTA RICA CAN NEVER ACCEPT THE FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS UNTIL THERE IS HARMONIZATION OF WAGE LEVELS AND SOCIAL BENEFITS IN THE REGION.

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